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## HAMPTON HILL PARISH MAGAZINE.

THE VICARAGE,  
HAMPTON HILL,  
*November 1st, 1928.*

MY DEAR PEOPLE,

It is well that Armistice Day falls on a Sunday this year, because there was a feeling last year that in many places this Remembrance Day was beginning to be neglected—as though the thousands who gave their lives to safeguard this small island home of ours from the invasion of the enemy were being forgotten. I do not think that such a thing will happen for many years to come. It will always happen, however, that when November 11th falls on a week-day the observance of Armistice Day will be better kept, as far as numbers go, where the masses congregate for their daily work. In this Parish the services on November 11th will be of an appropriate nature. The Celebrations of the Holy Communion will be of a specially memorial character. The morning service will commence a quarter of an hour earlier, so as to include the Two Minutes' Silence at eleven o'clock. As far as we are concerned the intention of the day should be a solemn act of repentance for our failure in the reconstruction of our home affairs upon the foundation of the Great Sacrifice, and a re-dedication of ourselves to the service of God and our fellow-men in a spirit of real self-sacrifice.

We are once more called by our Bishop to a Week of Prayer and Self-Denial. The call is to a real spiritual revival in every Parish in the Diocese—our own included. For this purpose we have been at some pains to map out a series of Intercession Services for the week, with subjects which we hope will tend to a deeper spirituality in the lives of young and old, as they are led to realise the fact of God, His purpose for the world, and the relation of men and women to that purpose. I hope that all will rise to the seriousness of the call, which, as the Bishop says in his foreword to

the leaflet of Meditations, Biddings and Intercessions, comes at no ordinary time and in no ordinary circumstances. The Church's opportunity for service in the world and in the Diocese has never been greater; and, as in the case of the Church's world task, the sixth and final World Call Report of the Missionary Council "brings the Church to the inescapable conclusion that her main weakness is spiritual," so the Bishop would have us realise that with the Church in this Diocese "the main weakness is spiritual." I can only wish and pray that our own Parish Church will be very fairly filled at all the services in the week by those who profess and call themselves Christians and are eager to catch something of the Spirit of the Master.

We are all glad to hear that Mr. Milton has found what I feel sure will prove to be a very congenial and happy sphere for work. He is going to Hounslow as the colleague of the Rev. W. T. Summerfield at St. Stephen's Church. We shall miss him here, and, while we wish him every happiness and blessing in his new ministerial sphere, we can only regret the circumstances which have brought to an end a short but useful three years' ministry amongst the people of Hampton Hill. It will be your wish, I know, that Mr. Milton should not leave us without our giving him some token of the regard we have for him. To this end, Mr. Evans has consented to act as Treasurer, and donations should be sent to him at "Roseneath," Edward Road, Hampton Hill.

I would ask you all to reserve November 28th. It is the day fixed for our Annual Sale of Work in connection with our Vicarage Working Party and the Missionary Association. You will find further particulars under the Parish News. I hope we shall have a successful day.

I remain,

Your faithful friend and Vicar,

FREDK. P. P. HARVEY.

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INTERCESSIONS.

At 7.30 a.m.—Holy Communion

*Mondays*: Sunday Schools, Day Schools.

*Tuesdays*: District Visiting, Mothers' Union, Voluntary Workers in the Church, Cleaners, &c.

*Wednesdays*: Choir and Services, Parochial Church Council.

*Thursdays*: Temperance Work, Band of Hope, Crusaders and Adult Branch, C.E.T.S.

*Fridays*: Church Missions, Home & Over-seas

*Saturdays*: Church Lads' Brigade, Girl Guides, Girls' Friendly Society.

We are grateful to our Advertisers for their support of our Magazine, and confidently hope our readers will support them.

**IMPORTANT.**—Will all those who are responsible for Church Work please send in a full report by the 20th of each month, by so doing it will not only be of great use to our readers, but greatly forward the work of the Church. Applications for Advertisements in the Magazine should be made to the Hon. Treasurer, Mr. H. A. SIMMONS, 7, Oxford Road, Teddington.

**Parish Wants.**

1. A Parish Hall.
2. A Bier for use in Church at Funerals, approximate cost about £30.
3. A Piano for the Infants' School.
4. A Flag and Staff for Church Tower.

The Vicar may be seen at the Vicarage on Tuesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays, between the hours of 8.45 and 10 a.m. And on any day, except Mondays, between the hours of 6 and 7 p.m.

**CHURCHYARD.**—Contributions towards keeping the Churchyard and the graves tidy will be welcomed, and may be sent to Mr. C. H. Evans (Churchwarden), Roseneath, Edward road, Hampton Hill.

**Parish News.**

**SUNDAY SCHOOL.**—For boys in the Boys' School and for girls in the Girls' School at 10 a.m. and 2.30 p.m. For infants in the Church Room at 10.30 in the morning and in the Infants' School at 2.30 in the afternoon.

**BIBLE CLASS.**—A Class for Girls over fourteen years of age meets in the Girls' School on Sundays at 10 a.m. and 3 p.m.

**LADS' CLUB.**—The Club is open on Wednesdays from 7 p.m. to 9.30 p.m. for lads over fourteen years of age. Members' subscription is from a penny a week. Hon. Secretary and Treasurer, Mr. Creane, School Road.

**MOTHERS' UNION.**—The Monthly Meeting will be held in the Church Room on Wednesday, November 7th, at 2.30 p.m.

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**TEACHERS' PREPARATION CLASS** will be held on Fridays, November 2nd, 16th and 23rd, in the Vestry at 8 p.m.

**SAINTS' DAYS.**—All Saints' Day, November 1st, Holy Communion 7.30 a.m. and 12. All Souls, November 2nd, Holy Communion 7.30 a.m. St. Andrew, November 30th, Holy Communion 7.30 a.m. and 12.

**ARMISTICE DAY, November 11th.**—The Celebrations of the Holy Communion will be at 7 a.m. and 8 a.m., both of which will be commemorations for those who died in the Great War. The **MORNING SERVICE** will begin at **10.45 a.m.** in order to include the Two Minutes' Silence. Evensong will be of a special character in keeping with the day.

**MISSIONARY ASSOCIATION.**—The Monthly Meeting will be held on Friday, November 9th, in the Vestry at 8 p.m. The Monthly Intercessions will be taken after the morning service.

**MISSIONARY SALE OF WORK.**—The Annual Sale of Work will be held in the Boys' School on Wednesday, November 28th, from 3 p.m. Besides the needlework stalls there will be a cake, jam and sweet stall, and a stall for oddments. Gifts for the various stalls will be gratefully welcomed, and should be sent to the Vicarage on or before November 26th, or to the Boys' School on the day of the sale before eleven o'clock. Further particulars will be announced by bills.

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DAY OF INTERCESSION FOR THE WORK OF THE CHURCH OVERSEAS.—St. Andrew's Day, November 30th, will be observed as a Day of Intercession for Missions Overseas. In addition to the various services, it is hoped to be able to have continuous intercessions from 7.30 a.m. to 7.30 p.m. In order to do this, those who can are asked to take a half-an-hour each in Church during the day. A list, with times, will be placed in the Church porch for names to be placed opposite the half-hour that is convenient.

WEEK OF PRAYER AND SELF-DENIAL, November 18th-25th.—The object of this Week, as set out in the leaflet of Meditations, Biddings and Intercessions is:—(1) To see God's will for our Diocese against the background of His will for the World. (2) To open our lives to the more abundant inflow of His life and love and power. (3) To co-operate with Him through prayer, sacrament and self-offering for the realisation of His glorious will.

The Services and Intercessions for the week are given below. It is hoped that all Church people will make an act of self-denial during the week. Envelopes in which to place the result of such self-denial will be given out in Church on Sunday, November 11th, and may also be obtained from the Vicar. These envelopes should be placed in the offertory bag on Sunday, November 25th, and the total amount will be taken and offered at the Service of Offering to be held in St. Paul's Cathedral on Saturday, December 1st. The quota asked from this Parish to the Diocesan Fund is £54, of which only a few pounds have up to the present been raised. The Vicar would be glad of a generous response during this week, in order that the full amount may be sent in before the end of the year.

LIST OF SERVICES, &c., FOR THE WEEK OF PRAYER AND SELF-DENIAL.

- Sunday, November 18th—Usual Sunday Services.  
Subject for Sermons—"The Fact of God."
- Monday, November 19th—Holy Communion, 7 a.m.  
Children's Intercession Service, 6 p.m.  
Conductor, THE VICAR.  
Intercession Service for Adolescents, 8 p.m.  
Subject—"Youth in its relations to National Responsibility." Conductor, The Rev. E. R. MILTON.
- Tuesday, November 20th—Holy Communion, 7 a.m.  
Intercession Service for Men, 8 p.m.  
Subject—"The Dignity of Man."  
Conductor, THE VICAR.

- Wednesday, November 21st—Holy Communion, 7 a.m.  
Intercession Service for the Communicants' Guild, 8 p.m.  
Subject—"Faith."  
Conductor, The Rev. H. M. SANDERS.
- Thursday, November 22nd—Holy Communion, 7 a.m. & 12.  
Intercession Service for Women, 3 p.m.  
Subject—"Women of the Empire."  
Conductor, The Rev. E. R. MILTON.
- Friday, November 23rd—Holy Communion, 7 a.m.  
Intercession Service for the Missionary Association, 8 p.m.  
Subject—"Brotherhood of Nations."  
Conductor, THE VICAR.
- Saturday, November 24th—Holy Communion, 7 a.m.  
General Intercession Service, 8 p.m.  
Subject—"God's Purpose for the World."  
Conductor, The Rev. E. R. MILTON.
- Sunday, November 25th—Usual Sunday Services.  
Subject for Sermons—"No Cross! No Crown!"

DISTRICT NURSE.—Nurse Harvey is already at work in the Parish. Her address is 2, Queen's Villa, Burton's Road.

NEW LIGHTS.—The installation of new lights in the Church was completed last month. The Vicar and Churchwardens are grateful to the following donors:—Mrs. Burton, Mrs. Cogle, Mr. and Mrs. Creane, Mr. Evans, Mrs. Graham, Mrs. Hetherington, Mr. and Mrs. Holt, Mr. Kestin, Mr. King-Stephens, Mr. Jakeman, Miss Jakeman, Miss Lasenby, Miss Marshall, Mr. and Mrs. Payne, and Anonymous.

GARDEN FÊTE SIDE-SHOWS.—The Garden Fête Side show Committee has decided on an attempt to raise a capital sum of £30, in order to facilitate the task in future years of preparing for the Annual Fête. This sum once raised will remain in the custody of its Treasurer, at whose discretion it will be used year by year and replaced from the actual takings on the Fête Day. The Committee intends to organise a series of Concerts, Socials and Dances, Whist Drives and Bridge Parties during the winter months, and earnestly appeals for the support of all readers of this Magazine and others. Forthcoming events will be notified by the Secretary under this heading.

COMMUNICANTS' GUILD.—The next meeting of the Guild will be held in Church on Wednesday, 21st November, at 8 p.m. It is hoped that all members will make an extraordinary effort to be present. The subject will be "Faith and Modern Difficulties."

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S. MARTIN OF TOURS.

S. Martin, commemorated on November 11th, was, next after S. Nicholas, the most popular saint in Western Christendom in the Middle Ages.

Born in the year 316, of Pagan parents, Martin was still a lad when Christianity nominally became the religion of the Roman Empire in 325. In the succeeding years it made rapid progress, so that the young man's curiosity to see the interior of a Christian Church was easily gratified. But a boyish attempt to emulate the example of S. Anthony ended in a severe paternal punishment, and for the time being his religious enthusiasm was checked.

At the age of fifteen he was drafted into the Roman army, and is next found holding a commission in one of the superior Roman legions stationed at Amiens. The story is related how on a cold wintry night, returning to the city with his troops, Martin found an old half-naked beggar crouching for warmth in the city gateway. When the troop had clattered by, Martin reined up his horse to throw the old man a denarius, when he discovered he had not a coin on him. Drawing his sword he cut his military cloak in two, and throwing one half to the beggar rode on to join his men and to face the unmerciful ridicule of his brother officers. But that same night, in a dream, Martin saw Christ in heaven, surrounded by a crowd of curious angels enquiring, "Lord, what art Thou wearing?" to which our Lord replied, "The cloak that Martin gave Me, though he is not baptised." Next morning Martin began instruction for Holy Baptism.

Thereafter his great desire was to evangelise those heathen country rustics who were unreached by the activities of the town churches. Having therefore served some twenty-five years with the legions and being prepared to forfeit his promotion, Martin sought the scoffing Emperor's (Julian, the Apostate) permission to resign his commission, after which he retired with a few friends to establish a missionary settlement at Ligugé, in France. There he laboured for ten years, often imperiling his life in the course of his many missionary tours.

When in 372 the Bishopric of Tours fell vacant, Martin refused to fill the gap, although he responded immediately to a request to visit a sick woman at the point of death. In reality the sick woman was the Church in Tours, and when Martin approached the city he was surrounded by a great crowd and dragged into the Cathedral for consecration, in spite of all his opposition. But, unlike

many of his fellow bishops, Martin refused to forsake the old life, and while performing the office of a bishop he lived in solitude in one of the caves beside the Loire with a few followers.

Another story of Martin's encounter with a beggar is on record, though possibly it is only a variation of the earlier story. At all events it concerns this period of his life. Martin is said to have found a poor shivering beggar one winter's day sitting on the cathedral steps, begging alms of those going into church for worship. The Bishop thereupon instructed one of the clergy to go and buy the poor wretch some clothing. But the cleric, whilst he could not refuse the orders of the Bishop, considered it beneath his dignity to wait upon an old beggar, and therefore did not hurry to execute his mission. When the service was about to begin and the beggar was still unclothed, Martin called him into the vestry, and, giving him the warm ecclesiastical garment he was about to wear for the service himself, donned the miserable rags of the beggar, in which he was found preaching by the cleric when he returned from his errand.

One day the Loire overflowed its banks, and as Martin walked with his monks beside the swollen current they saw a cradle being carried away down the river, which, when they had secured, they found to contain a baby boy. The parents not being found, the monks adopted and educated the child, who in the course of time grew into a surly insolent youth, who refused all correction. But with wonderful patience Martin tolerated him, in spite of the remonstrances of the monks, who would have expelled him from the settlement. But Martin made answer: "If Christ could bear with Judas, Martin should with Brice." And his patience was rewarded, for when Martin died in 397 Brice was chosen to succeed him in the bishopric of Tours and became an ideal bishop, who, like his master, was eventually canonised. Thus patience added another saint to the Church's Calendar.

BAPTISM.

"Made a Member of Christ."

October 14th—Jean Hazel Rivers.

MARRIAGE.

"Those whom God hath joined together."

October 20th—Thomas Edward Dempster and Nellie Humble.

BURIALS.

"I am the Resurrection and the Life."

September 26th—William Davis, aged 50 years.

" 29th—George Rivers, aged 65 years.

October 3rd—John Cayless, aged 47 years.

" 11th—Charles Arlett, aged 96 years.